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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Re: WT Docket No. 01-309, Hearing Aid Compatibility
Ex Parte

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 24, 2005, Brian Fontes, Vice President-Federal Relations and Ben Almond, Vice President-Federal Regulatory Affairs of Cingular Wireless met with Kris Monteith, Chief-Enforcement Bureau and other members of the Enforcement Bureau including Christopher Olsen, Deputy-Chief, Mark Stone, Deputy Chief-Telecommunications Consumers Division and Elizabeth Yockus Mumaw, Legal Advisor.

The representatives of Cingular discussed implementation of the September 16, 2005 HAC mandate. The following major issues were discussed:

- Vendors, while working to provide HAC compliant products, are indicating they are having difficulty providing phones that meet the M3 or better rating for the GSM air interface at the 850 MHz band for the ANSI C63.19 standard.
- Cingular and its vendors are evaluating the impact of OET's Public Notice that grants the options to use either the 2001 or the draft-2005 standard.
- It is critical that FCC act quickly on reconsideration issues to remove uncertainty.

Please associate this notification with referenced docket proceeding. If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Brian Fontes'.

Brian Fontes
Vice President-Federal Relations

cc: Kris Monteith
Christopher Olsen
Mark Stone
Elizabeth Yockus Mumaw

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